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SUBJECT: VICE PREMIER OLSZEWSKI PROPOSES CONSULTATIONS ON
POLISH GOLF CART EXPORTS

1. DURING A MEETING WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
DOWNEY AND ME APRIL 16, VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE
PRUCHNIEWICZ GAVE US A COPY OF A LETTER FROM VICE PREMIER
KAZIMIERZ OLSZEWSKI TO SECRETARY OF COMMERCE-DESIGNATE
MORTON. I UNDERSTAND THE ORIGINAL LETTER MAY ALREADY
HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO THE SECRETARY-DESIGNATE IN WASHINGTON.

2. WRITING AS CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S.-POLISH TRADE COMMISSION,
OLSZEWINSKI PROPOSED AN URGENT MEETING OF AN AD HOC WORKING
GROUP OF THE COMMISSION TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE GOLF CART
ISSUE. WE WILL COMMENT ON THE PROPOSAL FOLLOWING DOWNEY'S
RETURN FROM A TOUR OF THE GOLF CART PLANT IN MIELEC APRIL 17.
AN INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF THE LETTER FOLLOWS.

BEGIN TEXT

DEAR MR. SECRETARYM

PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR
NOMINATION AND ALLOW ME TO EXPRESS THE CONVICTION THAT
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ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL

CONTINUE TO DEVELOP FRUITFULLY.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM YOU THAT TRADE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND POLAND, WHICH IN GENERAL IS DEVELOPING PROMISINGLY, HAS RECENTLY BEEN ENDANGERED BY THE INITIATION OF FEDERAL AUTHORITIES OF ANTI-DUMPING PROCEEDINGS AGAINST POLISH "MELEX" GOLF CARTS.

I AM CONVINCED THAT YOU WILL SHARE MY VIEW THAT THE MOMENTUM OF THE GROWTH OF TRADE TURNOVER BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES DEPENDS IN LARGE MEASURE ON THE ENRICHMENT OF OUR TRADE BY NEW MERCHANDISE, HAVING A HIGHER DEGREE OF TECHNOLOGICAL PROCESSING.

IT SEEMS TO ME THAT ONLY IN THIS WAY CAN WE REACH THE AMBITIOUS GOALS, WHICH WERE SET IN 1974 BY THE LEADERS OF THE UNITED STATES AND POLAND AS THE OBJECTIVE OF OUR MUTUAL TRADE DEVELOPMENT.

THE COMMENCEMENT SEVERAL YEARS AGO IN POLAND OF "MELEX" GOLF CART PRODUCTION, EXPRESSLY INTENDED FOR THE AMERICAN MARKET, AND THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THIS EXPORT, CONTRIBUTED IMPORTANTLY TO THE GROWTH OF THE POLISH-AMERICAN TRADE TURNOVER, AND THE STRUCTURAL CHANGE IN POLISH EXPORTS TO THE USA.

THUS MY CONCERN ABOUT THE LIKELY NEGATIVE IMPLICATIONS OF THE ANTI-DUMPING PROCEEDINGS, NOT ONLY FOR GOLF CARTS, BUT ALSO FOR OTHER POLISH GOODS PRESENTLY EXPORTED TO THE UNITED STATES, AND BEING PREPARED FOR EXPORT.

OUT OF CONCERN FOR STABILITY IN THE CONDITIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF POLISH EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES, I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE TO YOU, MR. SECRETARY, THE URGENT CALLING, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE MIXED COMMISSION, OF A MEETING OF AN AD HOC WORKING GROUP, IN WHICH BOTH SIDES WOULD BE REPRESENTED AT AN APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL, FOR FINDING A SOLUTION IN THE MATTER

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OF "MELEX" GOLF CART EXPORTS, CONSISTENT WITH OUR UNDER-TAKINGS TO BROADEN AND INCREASE BILATERAL TRADE IN THE COMING YEARS.

SIGNED
KAZIMIERZ OLSZEWSKI
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